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SUBJECT:GUINEAN AMBASSADOR SEEKS CLARIFICATION OF BICENTENNIAL INVITATION MISUNDERSTANDING

REF: STATE 186304; CONAKRY 1407

1. GUINEAN AMBASSADOR BAH JULY 28 REQUESTED MEETING WITH AF/W DIRECTOR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND GUINEA DESK OFFICER.BAH, ACCOMPANIED BY FIRST SECRETARY SANO, REFERRED TO HIS AND SANO'S CONVERSATION WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND COUNTRY OFFICER IN LATE JUNE AND EARLY JULY IN WHICH GUINEAN

EMBASSY HAD BEEN ASSURED THAT NO REPEAT NO INVITATION HAD BEEN EXTENDED TO GUINEA FOR OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION IN JULY 4 BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES IN WASHINGTON. BAH APPARENTLY UNDER INSTRUCTIONS AND OBVIOUSLY UNCOMFORTABLE WITH HIS TASK, SAID HIS GOVERNMENT MUST HAVE HAD SOME BASIS FOR ANNOUNCING PUBLICLY THAT AN OFFICIAL DELEGATION WAS TO BE SENT, AND HE SOUGHT AN EXPLANATION WHICH HE MIGHT RELAY TO THE GOG OF WHAT MIGHT HAVE LED TO THE MISUNDERSTANDING.

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2. WE POINTED OUT THAT, AS GUINEAN EMBASSY AWARE, NO

OFFICIAL FUNCTION FOR FOREIGN DELEGATIONS WAS HELD JULY 4
IN WASHINGTON. VISITING HEADS OF STATE, SUCH AS QUEEN
ELIZABETH AND Giscard, WERE FROM NATIONS WITH HISTORICAL
TIES TO US REVOLUTION. WE REFERRED TO GENERALIZED
"INVITATION TO THE WORLD" OF 1973, EXPLAINING ITS PEOPLE
TO PEOPLE CONCEPT AND FACT THAT IN 1976 DECISION HAD IN

FACT BEEN MADE TO HOLD NO REPEAT NO OFFICIAL FUNCTION
JULY 4 IN WASHINGTON. BAH THOUGHT PERHAPS THE GOG HAD
ACTED ON THE BASIS OF THAT "INVITATION", NOT REALIZING
IT HAD BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS.

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